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REPLY TO FEBRUARY 7, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

This is a reply to the February 7, 2003 office action in which the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 3-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation in view of EP 590604 (Hatfield et al.). A two month extension of time is submitted to allow a timely response to be filed by July 7, 2003. Please charge Deposit Account No. 18-1850 accordingly.

REMARKS

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 3-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by EP 590604. The Examiner also provided a detailed response to the arguments presented by the Applicant's previous reply. While Applicant respectfully disagrees with whether EP 590604 sets forth an absolute minimum and maximum particle size, this point is moot in view of the experimental results provided in the attached § 132 declaration as discussed below.

In the Examiner's "Response to Arguments," section 5, the Examiner states that for overlapping ranges under MPEP 2131.03, "what constitutes 'sufficient specificity' is fact

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